Report of Citizens Committee on Child Labour

3887. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the report which prepared and released by the Citizens Committee comprising journalist Kuldip Nayar and Justice D. S. Tewatia, playwright Vijay Tendulkar and others stating that the Industrial workers in Durg-Bhilai of Madhya Pradesh are not only the victims of exploitation through contract labour system, wage rule violations and violence by the managements strongmen but also pay heavily because of the lack of safety measures in the factories;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government proposes to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Laws to regulate Child Labour

3888. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the laws enacted during the last 10 years to regulate employment and exploitation of children employed in various industries of the country;

(b) what is the number of children at present employed in different industries state-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that these enactments have failed to have any impact on the improvement of working conditions of child labour;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to bring forward an all comprehensive and effective legislation to protect the child labour from exploitation and other operational risk ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986.

(b) The statement showing the number of children employed in different industries statewise is enclosed (*see below*).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) In view of the existing legislative provisions for the protection of child labour, no new enactment is envisaged.

Statement

Sl. No.	States / Union Territories	Workers in the age group 0 –14
		1981 Census
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,951,312
2.	Assam	*
3.	Bihar	1,101,764
4.	Gujarat	616,913